

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with JIE ZHOU on 12/19/08.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the claims:

Claims 1-14, 16-26 were cancelled.

Claims 27-49 were entered and cancelled.

Claim 15 was amended as follow:

“, or progeny thereof” was deleted.

Claim 78 was amended as follow:

“or progeny thereof” was deleted.

Claim 79 was amended as follow:

“or progeny thereof” was deleted.

Claim 80 was amended as follow:

“or progeny thereof” was deleted.

Claim 81 was amended as follow:

“or progeny thereof” was deleted.

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The art does not teach or suggest the cell line having Accession Number ATCC No. PTA-4217, ATCC No. PTA-4218, ATCC No. PTA-4244, or ATCC No. PTA-4245.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to MINH-TAM DAVIS whose telephone number is 571-272-0830. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:00 AM-5:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, LARRY HELMS can be reached on 571-272-0832. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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